

Economic Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2008

Present: Art Siciliano, George Malette, Heleen Kurk

Absent: Liz McSweeney

Recording Secretary: Heleen Kurk

Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Vice Chairman, Art Siciliano appointed George Malette to sit in as a full member for the meeting.

Heleen informed the Economic Development Committee that they would be contacted to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

Art and/or Heleen will try to get in touch with Jim Thompson, past Economic Development Committee chair, to find out where the welcome to Weare sign ordered last year is located. The intent was that the sign be placed on route 77 by the Weare/New Boston line.

Art will try to get hold of the Weare Area Chamber of Commerce to see if they might be interested in replacing the welcome to Weare sign that was vandalized entering Weare on route 114 from Goffstown.

George moved and Art seconded to accept the meeting minutes of September 16, 2008 as presented. All were in favor.

Art will arrange for Heleen and George to get a copy of the list of businesses in Weare.

Discussion ensued about the mission statement on the web site. The Town cannot guarantee that businesses grow and prosper as stated on the web site. There was some concern of the legal implications of this wording. The warrant article that the voters voted on in 1986 states that the task of the committee was to encourage economic development in Weare.

The Committee looked at zoning and tax maps to see how they would approach marking a map identifying industrial and commercial land and businesses on the same. Next month we will actually begin this task which has long been talked about.

Art will contact Andy Fulton, chair of the Conservation Commission, about borrowing a computer disc that will allow us a better map and the possibility of transferring our information to the map on the disc at a later time.

Heleen and George shared information about the Scenic Byway project and the application for All American Road designation for this byway. This plan could help current businesses along its route.

The Committee discussed and agreed that the budget for economic development should stay the same as this past year, \$1500.

The next Weare Economic Development Committee meeting will be November 18, 2008 at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heleen Kurk